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One of the finest opportunities for gaining either a knowledge of this gospel or a testimony of its divinity is offered to those who will read the **Book of Mormon**. Without a doubt, those who study its pages with honest and sincere hearts will find contained in them eternal truth. More and more as the years have passed and missionaries have been sent by the thousands into the world to preach this gospel to every nation, kindred, tongue and people, one lesson has been forcibly impressed upon their minds: the **Book of Mormon** is the finest proselyting agent we have because it was given for that specific purpose by the Lord. When one of his humble and sincere servants places this book into the hands of anyone seeking an understanding of the everlasting principles of the gospel and teaches them the beauty and importance of the message, he cannot help but receive a testimony of the work because the Spirit of the Lord will witness the truthfulness of it to him.

During the past year, the **Book of Mormon** has been used extensively as an integral part of tracting. Instead of giving small paper pamphlets as was done so frequently in the past in door to door contacts, the **Book of Mormon** itself is the first reading matter presented to those who manifest an interest in the message brought by the missionaries. We have made no attempts to sell the book. It has been offered freely for anyone who wishes to read, and a short history of its purpose, its coming forth and its message has been delivered by the missionaries at the same time. Finally, they always point out the promise of Moroni at the end of the book—a promise so precious to us all because we have put it to the test and proven its truthfulness.

Because of the vast number of books which such a means of proselyting requires, it has been necessary that each individual missionary buy many copies for this purpose. Naturally it runs to quite an investment, and therefore when someone kindly offers help, it is always welcome. Recently Sister Vontella H. B. Kimball made such an offer and graciously donated to the missionaries in the British Mission 1,000 **Books of Mormon** to be used in this wonderful work. Sister Kimball's son, Stan, only recently completed his mission here in England after having laboured originally in Czechoslovakia. The cover picture this month shows President Stayner Richards accepting Sister Kimball's cheque to purchase the books.

All of us should be serving the Lord in some way. There are many opportunities around us to preach, teach, and share the things which the Lord grants unto each one of us so abundantly. As long as we do whatever we can, the Lord will continue to shower us with the necessities of life, and what greater joy can come to any one of us than to know that we have helped to bring into someone's life the greatest happiness in the world through the Restored Gospel of Jesus Christ?

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# for every child— SPIRITUAL EDUCATION

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And they shall also teach their children to pray and to walk uprightly before the Lord. (D. & C. 68:28.)

**I**n these days how often we hear parents say, "We aren't going to send our children to Church until they are old enough to know what it's all about and to choose a church for themselves." Perhaps too often they are saying unconsciously, "We cannot be bothered taking our children to Sunday School and other church services because we are not interested in it and because it interferes with our plans."

We, as parents, assume certain incapable responsibilities when we bring children into the world. Those of us who feel keenly this responsibility are not willing that our children's health be neglected in any area of their growth and development. We accept the physical responsibility for them because if we do not of our own free will the law will see to it that we do. There are no laws, however, set up which protect the emotional and spiritual health of children. These conditions are dependent upon the parents and are frequently neglected, not deliberately, but more often because of lack of understanding of the growth and development of children mentally, emotionally and spiritually. There is need to consider the child as an entity and to understand the many facets connected with his development. It is the purpose of our Heavenly Father that the divine nature of man be developed, and this becomes our responsibility when we receive the privilege of parenthood.

We all want happiness for our children. We want them to face reality, to face it without fear, but with trust and humility. We are anxious that they rise above the things of the earth which will not bring lasting happiness. Religion will help us in this. It is not a means of escape. A desire to worship is just as definite an urge as is hunger and power and sex. Jung, the psychologist, once said, "Every man whose soul is not crippled needs to have and should have religion." We must be exposed to the influence of spiritual things from the moment of birth.

Part of the heritage of every child is an acquaintance with the world of religion. He must be prepared to live in a world which is materialistic, but he will not know real happiness unless he is also shown the paths which lead to spiritual values. Religion is not just a part, it is concerned with the whole of life. Too often people feel that it is only during prayer and worship that they enter into the presence of God, but He is present in every moment and in every action if they will only permit it. This we can teach children so that even in their loneliest moments as they grow to adulthood, they will have a source of strength on which to lean.

Children first learn of their relatedness to their Heavenly Father through their relationship with their parents, with other people, and with their world. They receive their first concept or idea of God as they learn love and understanding through the first minis-

trations of their parents. As a mother gently nurses her baby and begins her work of training, through the gentleness and regularity of her routine, that child learns the ways of love. There is security for him in the manner in which his needs are met and the love in the voices of his parents as they teach him correct principles.

A child sees the force of love in the manner in which his parents treat each other. He sees their love for each other in the way in which they cooperate in his training. There is weakness in the teaching that is merely conveyed in words and not backed up by example.

It is extremely important that parents observe, believe and continue to increase their own insight into spiritual fields as vigorously as they want their children to do, because an appreciation of spiritual values does not stem from preaching about them but rather from satisfying experiences with parents and other people. The Saviour spoke more than just words when He said, "But seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you." (Matt. 6: 33)

Children do not learn appreciation for the goodness of their Heavenly Father nor a love for Him unless they are taught to approach Him and thank Him through the mediums of prayer and of blessings on the food. If a child is taught only to fear God, he will not want to know more about Him, because those whom we fear we seldom love. "Love casteth out fear," and those whom we love we strive to please.

Perhaps we can delay our teaching of spiritual matters to our children, but can we delay the experiences which come and are only solved or answered in the light of spiritual things? A young mother came into my office one morning. She had been crying and was very much perturbed about her problem. How could she tell her little daughter, aged four-and-a-half, that a very dear relative had passed away during the night? When she was

questioned regarding her own belief and her church affiliation, she said she had not been to church for many years. As a child she had been a member of a church because her parents were, but she could not remember many of the teachings of that particular faith inasmuch as they did not attend services very often. She found it difficult to put into words her own concepts and ideas of death and the hereafter because she had had no occasion to do so before. She had more or less pushed these thoughts into the background of her thinking. She had hoped that the time was not too near when she would have to face this issue in an attempt to relieve the mind of a little child who leaned on her mother for consolation at a time when her security was threatened.

It is only natural that children want to know why beloved people and pets cease to play with them and disappear never to return. It is possible to face anything with a child if our own

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# OUR NEW APOSTLE

**delbert leon  
stapley**



**S**aturday afternoon, September 30th, 1950, during the fourth session of the 121st Semi-Annual Conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Delbert Leon Stapley was sustained as a member of the Council of the Twelve. He was ordained an Apostle of the Church on Thursday, October 5th, 1950, in the Salt Lake Temple.

Elder Stapley, in his conference address, tells of receiving his call to this new position in these words: "Thursday, just following the noon hour, and understanding that the General Authorities were in session, I thought I had time to go down the street to visit a friend of mine before they returned to their offices. And so as I got out of the elevator in Hotel Utah, who should the Lord place in my path but Pres. George Albert Smith. There is no one I would rather see. I have known him for a long time. As a boy I remember him coming into our home as a conference visitor representing the General Authorities. When I went on my mission to the Southern States, President Smith set me apart for that mission.

"When my wife and I were married in the Salt Lake Temple, President Smith officiated. When he was General Superintendent of the Mutual Improvement Association, I was superintendent of the Maricopa Stake M.I.A. During the dedication of the Arizona Temple at Mesa, President Smith and his lovely wife lived with us for a period of two weeks. And he has been in our home and I have seen him many times since. To us he is a very dear person.

"And so here he was blocking my way. And he said, President Stapley, you are just the man I am looking for. And so in the lobby of Hotel Utah he told me that it was the wish of the brethren that I come on the Council. Well, I saw him to the door, and I am sure I must have looked like a ghost because people were staring at me as I walked back into the hotel, and I thought, 'Surely everyone knows.'

"I went up to the room and called my wife in from an adjoining room and I just couldn't speak, I was so overcome with emotion. And she tried for a long time to find out what was wrong. She thought surely something serious had happened to me . . . When I finally

composed myself and told her what it was, the only consideration I received was that it was my responsibility to accept."

This appointment of Elder Stapley brings into the Council of the Twelve a native Arizonian, who has devoted most of his life to the building up of the Church in that state. In addition to being president of the Phoenix Stake and chairman of the Arizona Region of the Church Welfare Programme, Elder Stapley has gained prominence in Arizona business and civic circles.

He was born in Mesa, Arizona, on December 11th, 1896, the second son in the family of six sons and three daughters of Orley S. Stapley and Polly May Hunsaker Stapley. Following his graduation from Mesa High School, Elder Stapley served in the Southern States Mission from April 13th, 1915, until July 4th, 1917. For eight months of this time he acted as president of the Kentucky Conference.

A lover and leader of youth, he devoted 17 years of his Church service as superintendent of the Maricopa Stake Young Men's Mutual Improvement Association. Part of this time he was also a member of the Stake High Council. He was called as a counsellor to President J. Robert Price in the newly created Phoenix Stake on February 27th, 1938. When President Price was released on December 5th, 1947, to become president of the newly created Central Atlantic States Mission, Elder Stapley was sustained as the Phoenix Stake President.

Somehow Elder Stapley has found time to serve youth in an extra capacity—that of a Boy Scout leader. He began this interest in 1918, and because of his outstanding contributions, he now wears the Silver Beaver. He is the only living active scout who helped organise the Roosevelt Council in Phoenix, over which he served as president for two years in 1930-31. Elder Stapley has been a national represen-

tative of the Boy Scouts of America National Council for the past three years, and is still a member of the Roosevelt Council Executive Committee.

On several occasions, Elder Stapley has been called to Washington, D.C., as an expert on Arizona agricultural problems. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Valley National Co. of Phoenix, a general commercial insurance firm, and is president and general manager of the company founded by his father, which has nine units, dealing in wholesale and retail outlets for hardware, appliances, motor trucks, farm equipment, and industrial machinery.

His family consists of his wife, Ethel Davis Stapley, and three children, two girls and a boy.

Elder Spencer W. Kimball, writing about Elder Stapley, remarked: "Elder Delbert Stapley brings to the membership of the Church in its far-flung areas, faith and devotion, courage and forthrightness, judgment and wisdom, precept supported by example. He will be a wise counsellor to the people in their problems. Both in the moral and technical phases of business will he be helpful. His experience having penetrated into most phases of life, he will be able to bring commonsense solutions to the problems which afflict so many. He has fulfilled gloriously the admonition of Paul to the Corinthians when he said: ' . . . be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.' " (1 Cor. 15:58.)

Here is a man who is worthy in every way of the great call he has received. No one could merit our support, our faith, and our prayers any more than he does.

Let us give them to him sincerely and freely, sustaining him in this important new calling to the best of our ability.

message from the mission presidency—

## **A YEAR IN RETROSPECT**

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Our hearts are overflowing with thanks to our Father in Heaven for the blessings given during the year just closed. His generous arm has been extended to all the workers in the British Mission. The Saints as well have been abundantly blessed. New auxiliaries and new branches have been organised. New tracting areas have been opened up. The Lord has walked arm in arm with our faithful workers and has granted unto their true investigators a testimony of the divinity of our message.

In fact, through His help and their hard work, 1950 has been a banner year for baptisms in this mission. Over 20,000 volumes of the **Book of Mormon** have been loaned out. Approximately 15,000 street meetings have been attended. No less than 37,000 cottage meetings have been held. Certainly these totals indicate a wonderful devotion to the work on the part of the district presidents, elders, and lady missionaries.

Practically all of the meeting places have had a face-lifting to the extent that they have been painted and decorated, cleaned up, and made more attractive.

Of equal importance is the fact that

the missionaries and the Saints have by their words and actions promoted a programme of love and kindness throughout the mission that has brought commendable results. Indeed, there exists a feeling of brotherhood and sisterhood that must be very pleasing unto the Lord. Unity and harmony is everywhere noticeable.

Certainly we have every reason to be grateful unto the Lord and appreciative of the labours of all the missionaries and Saints alike.

But now, as we begin a new year, shall we not build upon the background of 1950 and go forward to higher levels? There's not one of us but what can do just a little more in the new year than he did in the past one. The time is short. The message is so important. During 1951 let us not only keep the commandments of the Lord, but preach the Gospel with enthusiasm and efficiency beyond any degree before exhibited.

We close this report and message by wishing you all a very happy and memorable New Year. We know it will be for all of us if we remember to serve our Heavenly Father at every opportunity during the days and months ahead.



# IF YE LOVE ME . . .

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**a** supposed religious revival seems to be sweeping the nations of the earth. Scores of preachers, obsessed with tongues of flattery and damnation, have recently been stumping the people from San Francisco, U.S.A., to Berlin, Germany. Their cries, strangely familiar, ring out, "If ye love me . . . ye shall be saved!" Literally thousands have seemingly been "saved" by kneeling down in an emotional sway and professing to love Christ.

Isn't that an easy way of being saved? No fuss or bother. Just kneel down. Meanwhile, however, where have those plain and simple yet wonderful truths disappeared which Christ established? Isaiah of old justly referred to the cloak of darkness which would envelop the understanding of generations in the last days when he prophesied, "For as much as this people draw near me with their mouth, and with their lips do honour me, but have removed their heart far from me . . ." (Isaiah 29:13.) Truly an understatement of today's conditions.

Have you ever noticed the few important words which follow, "If ye love me . . ." in John 14:15? It states, "If ye love me, **keep my commandments.**" Are you keeping the commandments of the Lord by kneeling and professing to love Christ—and that only? Jesus said to Nicodemus that "except a man be born of the water and of the spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." (John 3:5.) Does this verse denote just a love for Christ or must something else be done? And this is only one of the many commandments with which we are expected to comply.

James tells us that "Faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone." (James 2:17.) You have professed your faith in Christ. Where are your works? Is kneeling down and professing Him enough? How hollow and desiring your satisfaction must be!

The mere fact that we just love Christ does not fulfil the law. It wasn't sufficient in the days of Peter and Paul and neither is it enough today. Consequently, to love Christ is to live by His will. "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." (Matt. 4:4.) To reject His word only brings condemnation and unhappiness.

Youth of today, the challenge is before you! Are you to accept the idiosyncrasies of a petty world—idealisms based on the greediness and gratification of personal wants—half-hearted motivations to see and obey God as you desire? Or are you going to rise to the challenge and enjoy the vibrant strength of a sterling faith in a God whom you love and naturally obey?

The fate of the world depends on your decision.

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elder david p. forsyth

# THE SABBATH DAY— old to new

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by elder merrill snow

**T**oday in the world there seems to be some controversy as to how and when we should observe the Sabbath day. The conflict arises in several denominations, and many, such as the Jewish people and the Seventh Day Adventists, have made firm stands on the position they take in regards to this religious principle. The main problem seems to resolve down to this: Is the Sabbath to be kept on Saturday or Sunday so that in the sight of God we are observing His seventh day?

The Lord was the one who gave to Moses the Law and the observance of it with which the people were expected to comply. God explained that six days of the week men were to labour and do their servile works. He pointed to the creation of the earth as taking six days—and on the seventh day He rested and was refreshed. Men were told to do the same thing also that they might be renewed and invigorated. But this Sabbath day principle was not a new one. Father Adam had the Gospel clearly taught to him, and therefore logically knew of this principle of one day of rest in seven. We are told that these commandments of God comprising the Law which Adam was taught were written in the Book of Remembrance (Moses 6: 5-6) kept by Adam for his posterity, for this law was to be a "perpetual law" unto His children for ever.

When the Lord gave this Law or "first testament" again, Moses was given the strict commandment that the people should live it completely. From that time forth, the Lord chastised the children of Israel when they disobeyed His instructions in this regard. If the people gathered manna

on the sabbath contrary to His command, it soon spoiled and was useless, and to gather sticks for fire on this day was considered a serious offence. The punishments prescribed for such an action were extremely severe. The individual should "surely be put to death" and "that soul shall be cut off from among his people." The usual way of putting people to death at that time was by stoning them. The forty years, therefore, that Moses led the children of Israel in the wilderness were to sanctify them so that they could enter into the rest of the Lord, but unfortunately they would not even then live up to God's teachings.

During the years from Moses to Christ, the law was rigid and invariable, but gradually the Jews began to change it and bring in "letter observances" rather than "spiritual observances." In the days of Isaiah, the Lord spoke to him concerning their method of living the Law. He said: "Bring no more vain oblations; incense is an abomination unto me; the new moons and sabbaths, the calling of assemblies, I cannot away with; it is iniquity, even the solemn meeting. Your new moons and your appointed feasts my soul hateth: they are a trouble unto me; I am weary to bear them." (Isaiah 1:13-14.) We find here the Lord's adverse comments on the Sabbath, but the people continued in their ways and little or nothing was done to change these unsuitable practices. As yet, the "second testament" had not come to replace the first.

Jesus Christ Himself was the author of the Law. He stated to the **Book of Mormon** peoples, "Behold, I am he that gave the law, (i.e. Law of Moses) and I am he who covenanted with my

people Israel; therefore, the law in me is fulfilled, for I have come to fulfil the law; therefore it hath an end." (3 Nephi 15:5) His blood was shed to establish the "new testament" and the "old testament" given to Moses was thereby done away with. The Law of Moses was and should be regarded as "our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ" (Gal. 3:24) and to prepare these early people for the fulness of the Gospel, but although Christ fulfilled it, nevertheless the commandments not to bear false witness, not to commit adultery, and to remember the Sabbath day were still principles of His Gospel.

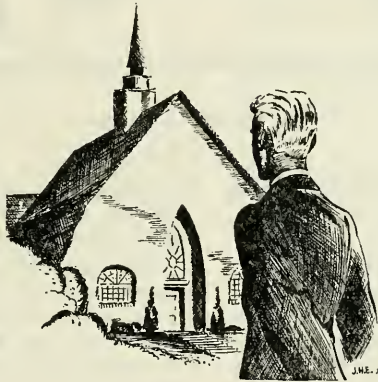
The Sabbath, according to the Jewish calendar, fell on Saturday, and while Jesus Christ was mortal, He observed it that day even though He testified that "The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath: Therefore the Son of man is Lord also of the sabbath. (Mark 2:27-28.) If however a change was to be made, Christ had the right to do it.

His apostles, Paul and John, later in their ministries used a comparison of earthly things which the people understood to explain heavenly and spiritual things which might not have been so clear. The earthly Law of Moses was compared with the spiritual fulness brought by Jesus Christ. The earthly labours of six days were again likened to the creation of the earth by God, and the Sabbath was for the purpose of rest for men from their daily labours as God did.

When Jesus Christ, the Master, was taken from His apostles, He stated that the kingdom was now in their hands. After His ascension, He gave commandments to them by revelation through the Holy Ghost. Thus, the "gates of hell would not prevail against them" because the Church which they led was

founded on a rock—the rock of continuous revelation from Christ Himself.

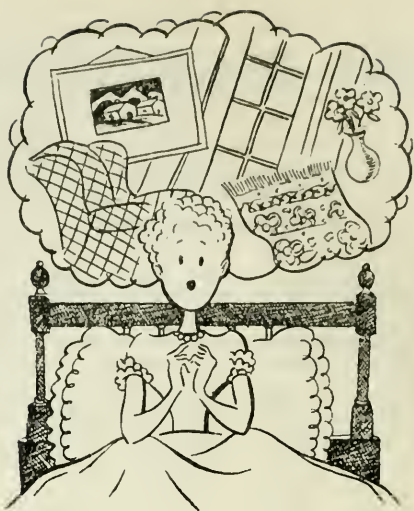
Through instructions from Him, the sacrament was instituted as a church-wide practice and as a necessary part of the Gospel. Jesus Christ arose and break bread on the first day, and His disciples also "came together to break bread." On that Sunday when the apostles met, Jesus stood in their midst. This first day was thereafter called the "Lord's day"—a new day on which to observe and feel the spirit of God. Through revelation the apostles later received other commandments concerning sabbatical observances and the partaking of the sacrament which was expressed by Paul to the Corinthians as follows: "Now concerning the collection for the Saints, as I have given order to the churches of Galatia, even so do ye. Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come," (1 Cor. 16:1-2.) Compare this commandment of laying in store with that of gathering manna given through Moses.



The Church of Jesus Christ has observed the Sabbath on the first day since the resurrection of the Saviour took place on that day. Any **unauthorised** change of such an important Gospel principle as this would have brought death to those who dared disobey or alter the **Law**. Any such change which was not authoritative, divinely authorized, and directly from the apostles would have brought a storm of comment from the people and would no doubt have been disputed and recorded by early historians. But no comment can be found in either history or scripture which opposes the change from Saturday—old law—to Sunday, the first day, under the new

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house  
or**



**A  
HOME ?**

by veloy lewis

**a** happy new year to all of you! May yours be a happy home this coming year.

Why not take advantage of the free time most of you will have now that Christmas is over. This is a good time to make your new curtains that you'll want when you do your spring cleaning. The other day a friend of mine remarked that with the present housing shortage, she scarcely dare take down her curtains to clean them without putting up a "Not to let" sign. How true it is that a house without curtains looks unoccupied. It takes curtains to make a place appear cozy and homey. With the present trend towards more and larger windows, the curtain problems for a home become increasingly more important.

There are ever so many attractive ways to decorate windows and arrange curtains. Use individuality and let your window decorating really express you. Have you noticed how often folks passing by a home are prone to judge the occupants by the curtains they see? By following a few general guides

or rules, even an amateur at home-making can achieve a harmonious effect with her curtains.

Since curtains are seen from the outside as well as from within, it is well to use a similar treatment for all the windows which can be seen from one side of the house. You can picture the spotty effect given to passers-by if the curtains of each room are too radically different.

Perhaps also you have noticed a change in the shape of the windows in many of the newer homes. A great many of the older homes had tall, narrow windows. Those being built today more often have large, low horizontal windows. Lines and shapes which carry the eye across give a feeling of repose and rest. Vertical lines and shapes are more expressive of action. We all want our homes to be places of rest and repose so most of us welcome the new windows.

If you live in a house which has the vertical narrow windows, it is relatively easy to make them "in style." Try curtaining windows which are close to-

gether as though they were one large window. Avoid using centre draperies or panels. They spoil the horizontal line and hence the effect of repose for which you are striving. Add a valance at the top to give the single unit effect. A window which is by itself may be made to appear wider by placing the curtain rods and drapery fixtures beyond the window frame and fastening them into the wall. The draperies can then be hung over part of the wall rather than over part of the window itself.

If you are one of those who are fortunate enough to have a lovely view from your window, then by all means take advantage of it. Leave the window uncurtained except perhaps for inconspicuous side draperies. I saw a lovely view not long ago which was simply framed like a lovely picture with a soft ruffle completely around the window. For those who do not have scenery to look upon, do use net curtains of some kind. They soften glaring lights, shut out unsightly views, give privacy and add a feeling of warmth to a room. Do not skimp on material. It is advisable to use a large amount of a less expensive material than to have it look skimpy. Allow at least half again as much material as the width of the space you are curtaining. Better still, if you can, use double the width.

The past few years lace curtains have lost their popularity and decorators seldom use them except for certain "period" decorative schemes. Too often they have been used with bright floral patterned draperies and wallpaper which fought with the pattern in the lace. If you have lace curtains, bring out their loveliness against a background of plain wall, or frame them with plain coloured panels of drapery.

To add warmth and brightness to a north room or one which is cold, try using yellow net curtains. The light coming through them will give the effect of sunshine. On the other hand, you can make a room seem cooler by using pale green or blue net curtains.

Care must be used, however, because light which comes through these colours is seldom flattering to the complexion, and some shades make one appear pale and ghostly.

There are but three recognised correct lengths for curtains. Any deviation from these three usually gives the same effect as one gets from seeing a child whose arms have outgrown the sleeves of a jacket. I know that curtains sometimes shrink with the first washing, and so to prepare for such a possibility, why not try putting in a temporary hem until after they have been laundered once?

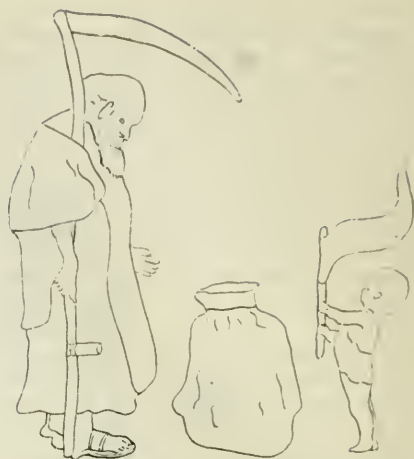
The most formal curtains are carried to the floor. With children in the house, and for most of us, this is not practical. Choose then one of the other two lengths. Have the curtain come just to the sill or extend to the bottom of the apron—the board which is sometimes just under the sill. Again straight lines are more formal than curved. I love the white, dotted net curtains which are caught back with a tie back or bow of ribbon. Like pie and custard, they seem to go together with cottages. If you use them, do have them full enough to fall in soft large loops. Tie them back either a little above or a little below the half-way mark of the window. Our bodies are supposed to have beautiful proportions. You'll notice that no where is the joint just half-way. So with curtains, divide them into divisions of two to three, three to five, etc. I am sure you have also seen curtains which had a rod at both the top and the bottom and have been tied together at the centre forming an hour-glass effect. Such a design spoils the lines of the windows and is not as pleasing as many others.

The frequent washing and cleaning which we have to give curtains to keep them clean quickly wears them out. Sometimes you can save them from extra washing by shaking them frequently and hanging them outside for a few minutes for the air to blow through them. You might also try

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# CHILDREN'S PAGE

## the magic ring



Donald Augustus Cuthbert was tired. But it was New Year's Eve, and he did so want to stay up with his parents to see the midnight festivities. And here his mother had tucked him in his little cot. He wasn't going to sleep. No, sir! He was going to wait up and watch the New Year in by himself.

"Toby," he said to his pet sand-turtle as he lifted him from the floor to the bedside, "we're about old enough to stay awake when we want to. After all, I'm going to go to school next year and you're almost . . ." He stopped suddenly; his eyes as big as teacups. On the window sill sat a funny old gentleman with a beard and white robe. "W-Who are you?" Donald Augustus Cuthbert asked.

"Why, I'm Father Time. I'm the one that regulates the time-machines and the space-clocks," he replied. I've come tonight to bring the Little New Year and give Mr. Old Year a ride home.

"Home?" Toby the Turtle questioned. "Where do you live?"

"Just beyond the Land of Memory, right next door to Mother Nature's little cottage. In fact I'm just on my way there now to collect Little New Year's sash. He left it behind in his rush."

Donald Augustus Cuthbert jumped from his little warm cot and pleaded, 'O, Father Time, can Toby and I go with you? We'd be no bother at all.'

Father Time's smile broadened, "Of course you can come if you want to, but we must hurry. I have to be back with the sash before twelve o'clock. Now come quickly, take hold of my magic ring, and close your eyes.

'Fairy Princess quickly bring  
Enchantment to this magic ring.  
So when we take it into hand,  
We'll spin right back to Memory  
Land.'

Donald Augustus Cuthbert and Toby the Turtle felt the wind rush by their faces, then suddenly, almost as quickly as they had begun, Father Time said, "You can open your eyes now, we've arrived. Now you look about here while I dash on to my house for the sash, but for heaven's sake, be careful not to disturb the caretaker."

Toby danced up and down clapping his hands in excitement. "Ooo, isn't it lovely, and look at that funny old woman over at that table, she looks just like Old Mother Reilly."

At that the old lady turned suddenly and snapped, "I'm the caretaker here, and mind you don't track up my newly

scrubbed floors. What do you want anyway?"

"Please, Good Lady," Donald Augustus Cuthbert timidly began, "Father Time brought us with him, so that we might look over this beautiful Land of Memory. Could you tell us what you do here and what all the books are?"

"Of course, Silly. I have to write down all the bad deeds that the earth people do every year. Honestly, it keeps me busy constantly; I spend all my time writing in the Annals of Time. What's your name, anyway?"

"My name is Donald Augustus Cuthbert, and this is my friend Toby. Do you even have our records too?"

"Certainly, I do. Come down to the other end of the hall with me and we'll find them; I'll see how clean your sheet has been kept for 1950." In a few seconds she drew down two large books from the topmost shelf. "Ah, here we are. Toby the Turtle. Let's see now. You nibbled Mrs. Cuthbert's white clover blossoms several times, didn't answer when it was time to get up one Sunday morning, and gracious, you tipped Sally Squirrel's nuts over."

Toby hung his head sorrowfully, but Donald Augustus Cuthbert started to giggle. "Not so fast young man, let's fake a look at your record," the caretaker smirked. "Ooo, it looks to me

like you're one of the little boys that cause me so much work. You told several tales about your playmates that weren't exactly truthful and talked back to your daddy four different times. Then last month you played truant from Primary, and to top it all off you were a naughty boy going to bed last night." As the old woman continued it was Donald Augustus Cuthbert's turn to look repentant. "But don't worry about your past records, just be sure that the New Year's record is good and clean. Today is a new page in the book of life. Upon it you write a record of all you do. But once turned, it is gone forever. Yesterday is a page that's already been turned. You cannot add one line to it, nor erase one word from it. But your mistakes and fears of yesterday need not be carried on, so it is up to you whether next year's pages will be spotless or soiled."

Just then Father Time dashed in breathless, "Hurry, it's nearly midnight. Grab the ring, and we'll be off."

Suddenly they were back in the little bedroom, hot sunshine was streaming through the window, and Mrs. Cuthbert was calling, "Time to get up." Donald Augustus Cuthbert jumped out of bed, picked up his pet turtle, and said, "Come on, Toby, the New Year is here. Let's make the most of it."

**r. l. pope**

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### RIDDLES

1. What bird is it that is found in Africa, and although it has wings, cannot fly?
2. What does Winston Churchill figure on now?
3. A shepherd had 17 sheep. All but 9 died. How many did he have left?
4. If a buttercup is yellow what colour is a hiccup?
5. What coat is finished without buttons and put on wet?
6. What is the best way for a farmer to raise mashed potatoes?
7. When does an Irish potato change its nationality?
8. Which King wore the largest hat?
9. When does a boy sneeze three times?
10. When may a boy's pocket be empty and yet have something in it?

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# how much do you know about **THE BOOK OF MORMON ?**

by james p. hill

(The object of the setter of this problem was to cause the would-be solver to search the pages of the **Book of Mormon**. If his or her knowledge is sufficient to complete the puzzle without reference, it is very creditable. If not, it is hoped that the solver will gain as much knowledge and pleasure from searching as did the compiler.)

## CLUES

### across

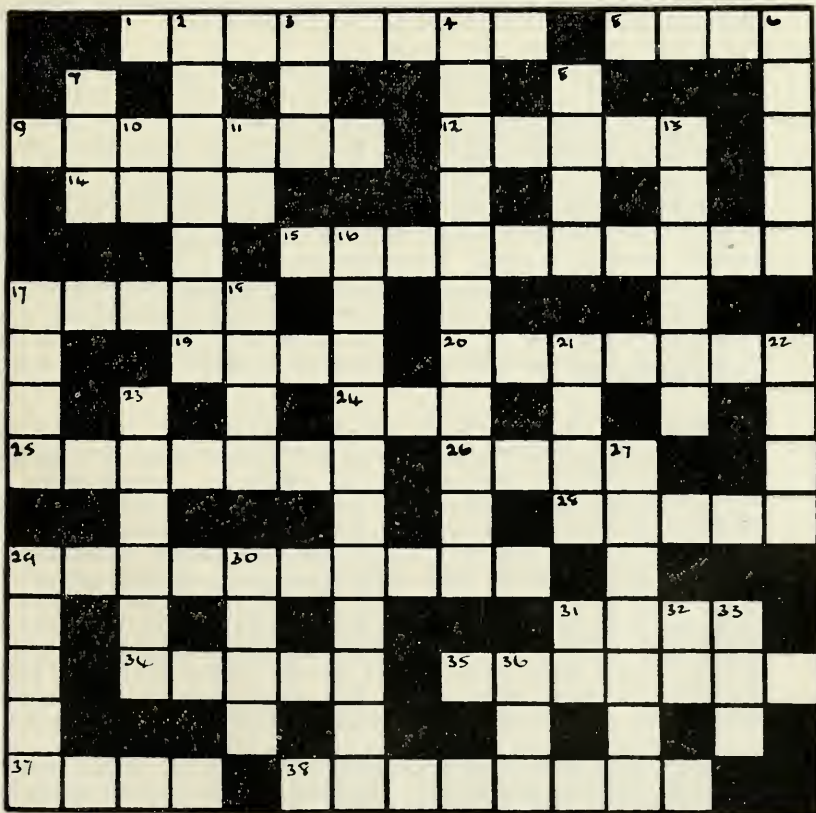
- Grandson of Jacob from whom Lehi was descended.
- There were none of these left between 100-110 A.D. (4 Nephi 1).
- The straightness of this distinguishes it—2 words. (2 Nephi 32)
- Name of a city and a convert. (Mosiah 18 and 23)
- Isaiah comforted him. (2 Nephi 17)
- Sacred ordinances. (3 Nephi)
- Mountain associated with the Decalogue.
- Ten of the tribes are . . . .
- Born in the days of Mosiah—he says. (Omni)
- Jesus instructed the Twelve of the Western Hemisphere to take no thought of what they should . . . (3 Nephi 13)
- Zeezrom was a . . . . . at first. (Alma)
- Used in profane worship throughout the **Book of Mormon**.
- River north of South America (?) (Mormon 1)
- Part of Moroni's ultimatum to Ammoran. (Alma 54)
- One of the last of the Nephites. (Mormon 6)
- Head of the Church in Zarahemla. (Alma 31)
- A chief judge associated with FREEMEN. (Alma 51)
- and 38. " . . . And . . . . . and the prophets; for they truly testified of me. 4 words. (3 Nephi 15)

### down

- Due to the coarseness of their . . . . ., the poor were cast out of the synagogues. (Alma 32)
- The labours of the people in Helaman 6:11 and 13 probably produced works of . . .
- Moroni included several like this in chapter 10 of his book.
- These became dark among certain descendants of Lehi.
- Son of a chief captain of the Nephite armies. (Alma 16)



8. A place mentioned in the prophecy on the Brass Plates. (2 Nephi 21)
10. Interrogative exclamation.
11. Alpha and Omega.
13. This . . . . . of worship of the Zoramites was strange. (Alma 31:12)
16. Relics of Book of Mormon civilization (?) 2 words.
18. Built by Hagoth and Lehi.
21. A name common to the **Book of Mormon** and the **Bible**—one a prophet; one a record keeper.
22. Nephites became skilled in work on this mineral. (Jarom)
23. Jacob taught that Lehi's seed should become a righteous . . . . . (2 Nephi 9)
27. Wilderness guide.
29. Men shall go into one of these when the Lord shall smite them. (2 Nephi 12)
30. Suffix for ideologies.
31. Quieting command.
32. Expression of hesitance.
33. Nephi received a manifestation of the Spirit of the Lord in this form. (1 Nephi 11)
36. "O my beloved son, how can a people like this, that . . . without civilization—" (Moroni 9)



Answers on page 32

## NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS 1951

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**n**ew year's resolutions are the accepted thing this time of year. Most of us find as we finish one year and begin another that there are many things in the events of the previous twelve months that we would like to change. There may have been some incident that we are not proud of, and we determine that such an occurrence will not happen in the new year. It may be that there is something we would like to do but have neglected in the past, and so we say, "I'll do that this year—or know the reason why!" And so it is when the bells ring and the whistles blow, we greet the new year with a smile because we are certain within ourselves that this is going to be the best year we've ever had. And that's the way it should be. Optimism is a blessing; determination is a blessing; hope is a blessing; and all of these lead to progression.

Progression—the purpose for existence and the reason for this earth life. One of the deepest rooted desires within each of us is to grow and develop and better himself. We work diligently and hard at our professions in the hope that we will merit advancement. Our scientists strive to learn more of the world about us so that we can enjoy better health, better living, and better opportunities to accomplish our goals. Parents try to give their children just a little bit more than they had themselves. And so it goes. Through the years, little by little the world has changed, and with each succeeding generation, more and more of the improvements we now enjoy have been added to our lives. It is no wonder that each new year, we make these resolutions and face the future with a smile—at least for the first few weeks.

But how do we look by the **end** of the first month? Still smiling? Still positive that we're going to accomplish all those things we said we were going to? Well . . . not usually. By that time the new year doesn't seem quite so new, the clean, white slate of 365 days of life isn't quite as clean or as white, and worst of all, our determination and desire to accomplish what we set out to do isn't quite as great. At this point, with a feeble grin we say, "Oh, well, maybe next year." And the cycle goes on year after year until we're lost in the ranks of those who **give up**, who let others do the advancing while we persist in our same little groove in life, never benefiting either ourselves or those around us. But, as we say, "Our intentions were good. It was just that I couldn't do it this year, that's all."

Now let's look at this condition objectively. First of all, is it a good, healthy situation? I believe most of us will agree that it isn't. It has a tendency to make us weak willed, and if there

is any one thing that we need now and will need more and more as time goes on, it is a good strong will-power. We all know that if someone promises to do something and then fails, it is difficult to trust that person again, but most of us don't realise that the same is true with ourselves. If we make the promise and don't carry through with it, it is harder the next time to convince ourselves that we are serious about our resolutions. All the time we're thinking, "This year I'm going to . . .," in the back of our mind there's a cynical voice saying, "Oh, yeah?" In other words, we are fighting against ourselves. We have hardly uttered the resolution before we have an enemy to combat—our own unbelief. And as the Saviour said, a "house divided against itself shall not stand." (Matt. 12 : 25.)

In the second place, we're wrong to resolve to do things that are not within our reach. Any man is foolish to say that he is going to swim the channel in the new year if at the time he hasn't even learned to swim as yet. Far better to resolve that he's going to learn to swim this year, that he's going to swim ten miles the next year, and then in the third year he'll try the channel. Each of these goals is possible for him, and without doubt, that is an important consideration also. It is extremely difficult to work for a goal that we know is beyond our ability to attain. And there is nothing that succeeds as well as success. Achieving one goal makes us more determined to achieve the next and more positive that we can do it. The result?—progression.

This year is still young, and although that cynical voice may be already causing you trouble, make some resolutions now that you can carry out, that you **will** carry out, and that you **should** carry out. Resolve to make as many friends and as few enemies as you can in 1951. Resolve to put the Lord's work first, and to remember His admonition: "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." (Matt. 6 : 33.) Resolve to bring happiness into the lives of as many people as you can through kind deeds and through sharing the gospel with them. Resolve to pray often for the strength to hold to your convictions and principles throughout the twelve months ahead. Ask the Lord to give you the courage to face death, privation, war, pestilence, famine or any of the hardships the new year may bring, and on the other hand, to bless you with the ability to face success, wealth, abundance, or the bounteous blessings of life if they should be granted you.

Then keep these resolutions firmly in your mind, and after asking for the Spirit of God to guide you, walk through each day with a smile on your face. Then you'll know that no matter what happens, there's never been a happier year than this one is going to be.—**martin c. naldor**

# BRITISH MISSION

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## arrivals and assignments

The following missionaries have arrived in the British Mission:

Name.	Home.	Assignment (District)
November 30th		
Elder Paul A. Allen	Salt Lake City, Utah	Manchester
Elder Jed H. Owen	Ogden, Utah	London
Elder Teddy L. Hanks	Salem, Utah	Norwich
Elder Albert W. Nielsen	Sigurd, Utah	Norwich
Elder Forest K. Wood	Cardston, Alberta, Canada	Newcastle
Elder Earl A. McKenna	Roosevelt, Utah	London
Elder Keith E. Francis	Taber, Alberta, Canada	Bristol
Sister Barbara Jarman	Orem, Utah	Birmingham
Elder E. Kent Albrand, Jr.	Salt Lake City, Utah	Liverpool
Elder Thomas L. Evans	Malad, Idaho	Bristol
Elder Jonathan C. Gibby	Citrus Heights, California	Birmingham
Sister Kate N. Gibby	Citrus Heights, California	Birmingham
Elder Merrill T. Phelps	Green River, Wyoming	Leeds
Sister Afton Hunter	Salt Lake City, Utah	Norwich
Elder Franklin D. Williams, Jr.	Minersville, Utah	Welsh
Elder Ronald S. Archibald	Rexburg, Idaho	Hull

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## appointments and transfers

The following district transfers of missionaries have recently occurred:

Name.	To.	From.	Date.
Sister Norma Weight	Norwich	Birmingham	December 1st
Elder Boyd L. Cullimore	Newcastle	Bristol	December 1st
Elder Sem D. Astle	Nottingham	London	December 1st
Elder Robert W. Bowman	Manchester	Nottingham	December 1st
Elder William Thornton	London	Welsh	December 1st
Elder Joel V. Miller	Scottish	Manchester	December 4th
Elder Floyd L. Barfuss	Nottingham	Norwich	December 15th
Elder Teddy L. Hanks	Nottingham	Norwich	December 15th
Elder Kenneth Smith	London Office	London District	December 18th

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## releases

The following were released as missionaries of the British Mission:

Name.	Districts.
November 30th	
Elder David E. Gledhill	Sheffield,* London Office
Elder Grant W. Anderson	Norwich
Elder Gordon O. Condie	Sheffield
Elder Sherman B. Sheffield	London
Elder Derwin J. Orgill	Bristol, Nottingham
Elder Hyrum C. R. Dalgleish	Scottish

Name.	Districts.
Elder Merrill Snow	Norwich
Elder Donald L. Waterworth	Newcastle
Elder Bruce O. McGuire	Newcastle
Elder Maurice A. Derbyshire	Newcastle
Elder George R. Parker	Leeds, Newcastle
Elder Burton E. Tew, Jr.	Leeds
December 12th	
Elder Dean R. Romrell	London
Elder Brigham D. Gardner	Manchester †
Elder Charles L. Welling	London, Welsh *
Elder Franklin K. Meadows	Scottish, Nottingham
Elder Lorin M. Rogers	Newcastle
Elder LuDene B. Campbell	Nottingham
Elder Thomas V. Thomas	Newcastle

\* District President.

† District President, member of Mission Presidency.

## district activities

### BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT

reported by marion evans

On November 4th, the spookiest of spooky Halloween Masquerade Balls was held at Handsworth by the Birmingham District M.I.A. Many members and friends attended and all had a very enjoyable time. Brother Bailey (with the help of other members) had constructed a spook alley in the cellar with a large notice outside bearing the inscription, "Abandon Hope All Ye Who Enter Here!" Everyone (except those with weak hearts) had to pass through this before being allowed into the Ball. If you had no weak heart at the beginning, you certainly had one at the end! The dance itself was M.C.'d with great gusto and wit by President Stephens. Music was provided by a Nuneaton Band, and we were also favoured with a trio and quartette. Many people attended in Fancy Dress, and there were prizes for the best costumes. Booths were erected at which one could try one's skill in several ways and where one got a prize whether skillful or not. A fortune teller, "Madame Marionessa Evansella," fabricated marvellous futures, and Elder Wardrop brought his camera along and set up a photographer's booth. The Witch's Brew was served by Sister Horrocks in the form of orange juice and biscuits.

Instead of the usual concert after

Union Meeting in November, the Relief Society held their bazaar. The ladies had really worked hard and had some beautiful things to sell. Northampton Branch, which is a good way out, held their bazaar separately with Sisters Roughton, Britton and Hauze in charge of the stalls, assisted by Sisters Halford and Emery. Sister Marston and her daughter were in charge of the refreshments, and Sister Cockburn was responsible for the advertising. The sale was scheduled for 7:30 on December 8th, but owing to the crowd of buyers outside, the doors had to be opened earlier. All of the other four branches of the district met at Birmingham and set up their stalls. We very much missed the presence of Sister Yates, President of the Birmingham Branch Relief Society, who was in hospital. The other ladies, however, worked hard without their leader. Sister Jewans served some wonderful refreshments, and there were also popcorn balls available. Everyone got sticky from the popcorn and then went round shaking hands!

On December 16th Birmingham Branch held their Christmas party for the children in the afternoon and the adults at night. The children all received a present from Father Christmas, and there were also prizes. At night there were games and dancing and community singing, along with a programme provided by some of the older M.I.A. girls.

# DOINGS IN THE DISTRICT



## notorious nottingham

Left to right beginning at the top:

1. President Oldham of the Nottingham Branch in the kitchen serving hamburgers to the elders and saints.
2. Elder MacKay coming into third base.
3. The Nottingham Elders' Basketball Team.
4. All the officers of the branch and district around the "miscellaneous table" at the recent Nottingham Relief Society Bazaar.
5. The Nottingham Elders working hard!
6. The wedding party of George Bradley and Bernice Wilson.

## BRISTOL DISTRICT

reported by elder david p. forsyth

"Love thy Neighbour" aptly describes the bustling activities of Bristol District last month. Co-operation and friendliness between the Branches reached a new high as visits, socials and church gatherings brought the Saints together.

For instance take Sister Ivy Holder of the Stroud Branch. Newly appointed District Relief Society Supervisor, she has been cementing relations by her drop-in visits to the various Branch Relief Societies. Bournemouth, Bristol and Cheltenham have each welcomed her into their Branch functions during the last month.

The District M.I.A. Autumn Ball in Stroud on November 3rd brought a converging of the Bristol, Cheltenham, Bournemouth, Weston-super-Mare and Stroud Saints for an evening of hilarious fun-making. Decorated on an autumn theme, the members and their friends made things even more brighter by their fancy dress costumes. Copping first place prizes were Shirley Wheatley with her costume, and Vic Carpenter as a girl perfume seller. The dances were called by M.C. Harry Beazley and spot prizes added to the gaiety.

Bournemouth M.I.A. once again showed their Halloween spirit as they all gathered together for a night of ghosts and witches on October 30th. The chief witch was Sister Chiles while Brother Chiles came as the mad surgeon. Brother Street added his sombre note to the party with the reading of a short ghost story. Group games ended an evening of mystery and fun.



There's big news concerning the Bournemouth Branch Relief Society and their thirteen pounds raised from the sale of work. Meeting for a night of games, dancing and singing, the Bee-Hive girls, Trekkers and R.S. members arranged an impressive display of handiwork and then sold them to the highest bidder. The Relief Society sisters furnished refreshments all around.

**Bristol Sidelights.**—Mrs. A. Neale was recently presented with two knitted cardigans by the Bristol Relief Society on her 84th birthday. Mrs. Neale is the oldest member of the Branch Relief Society.

## IRISH DISTRICT

reported by william stewart

Commencing the month's activities, a Primary Halloween party was held October 28th in the Belfast Branch. All those who were present thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Sister Miller was in charge of the games, and the party concluded with refreshments and a sing song.

The adult members of the Belfast Branch were not overlooked, however, and on Monday, October 30th, they attended a Halloween Party sponsored by the Relief Society. The main event of the evening was a fancy dress parade. They finished by playing games and then served refreshments.

Concluding the month's activities the Sunday School staged a fun-fair on November 17th. An evening of games and refreshments was enjoyed by all those in attendance. During the evening approximately four pounds was raised to finance a Christmas party.

## LEEDS DISTRICT

reported by norah stephenson

A successful social was held on the Dewsbury Branch on Saturday, October 21st. The highlight of the evening was the Barber Shop sketch presented by Joan Emmins, Annie Womersley, Lucy Ripley, Michael McLeer and Ronald Cunningham, the last causing roars of laughter when he received a shaving brush, full of soap, straight in the mouth from the hairdresser. Ice cream, biscuits and cordial drinks were served to the 40 people present.

On Saturday, October 14th, the Dewsbury Branch Relief Society held their annual bazaar and social. Mrs. Norah Moss, R.S. superintendent of the district, officially opened the function. A good sum of money was received in return for the various articles which the sisters had knitted, sewed and crocheted.

A Halloween Party was held in the Woodland Street Chapel for all the Leeds District members and investiga-

tors on the 28th of October. The hall was decorated with bright coloured paper jack-o-lanterns, black witches, black cats and bright streamers. There was also a spook alley that more than played its part in raising screams and yells from those who passed through. In the alley were guillotines, bodies, and anatomy room where a giant tarantula spider was dissected and his parts passed around to the spectators, flying heads and body parts that seemed to be attached to nothing, fluorescent mummies, and all accompanied by "Hamlet's Funeral March." There was a costume judging, won by President Robertshaw dressed in an old barrel with a mask that made him look like an ancient hermit. Apples hanging from the ceiling provided merriment and a strong challenge to those trying to bite them down. The Dewsbury Branch M.I.A. directed by Sister Lucy Ripley put on some impressive skits of old superstitions in England which everyone liked very much. A ghost story told by Elder Wood, with Elders Edward Edwards and J. Henry Clarke acting as the "Hunchback of Notre Dame" and the "Wolfman" respectively topped off the evening's entertainment and provided the large crowd that attended with a good scare and much laughter.

The Bradford Branch Relief Society held their annual bazaar on December 2nd. There were stalls loaded with knitted garments, embroidered articles, sandwiches and cakes, trifles and jellies, all made by the sisters. In the evening a social was sponsored by the sisters with a fine entertainment provided by them, including a marionette show, a Yorkshire reading retold by Mrs. Kenworthy, a solo by Miss B. Whittaker, and a sketch entitled, "An Evening Out." The bazaar and social proved very successful both spiritually and financially.

## LIVERPOOL DISTRICT

reported by Josephine Litchfield

Halloween was celebrated in a big way this year by the Liverpool District M.I.A. A dance was held at the Burnley Branch Chapel on October 28th. The hall was decorated in the traditional orange and black. A "spook alley" was the feature of the evening, and all who were strong of heart ventured through.

The priesthood and Relief Society of Nelson Branch worked hard to complete their new hall by the end of November. The work was under the capable direction of Albert Hall, decorator by pro-



fession. Their two storey building was completely renovated from top to bottom, and was officially opened by J. Marlow Taylor, District President, Sunday, November 26th. Members of the Relief Society made curtains for all the windows and have devised all sorts of means for buying the needed pots, pans and crockery. The M.I.A. organised work parties on some of their Tuesday nights and plan to build and donate a table-tennis table to the games room.

Bonfires blazed high in two of the branches on Guy Fawkes night. In Accrington the Primary children were guests of honour at a bonfire given by Primary Mother Mabel Robertson. It's reported the fathers had a wonderful time setting off fireworks. In Blackburn, Sister Brown and her family royally entertained the branch members at another bonfire party and fireworks display.

The "Kentucky Boys," members of the Burnley M.I.A., recently presented a musical programme entitled, "Keep Smiling." This show was under their own supervision, and the net proceeds were turned over to the branch presidency. Boy producers Douglas Chapman and Schofield Lunt as well as the rest of the cast are to be congratulated for the fine production.

The annual sale of work of the Wigan Relief Society took place on December 9th. The evening was opened by Mrs. Hardman, a counsellor in the presidency of the branch Relief Society. Stalls were filled to capacity and much fine work was displayed.

The sisters worked in perfect harmony, and under the capable direction of Sisters Webster, McGarry, Rickard and Gara their target of £50 was far exceeded. In fact, a total of £70 11s. 6d. was raised to swell the Relief funds. This money was greatly needed at the present time to cater for the needy and aged saints and friends of the area for whom some form of com-



fort has now been provided. Sister McGarry is to be especially thanked for the use of her workrooms, machinery and light which she has so graciously provided, and to the many friends who contributed and helped to make the affair such a great success, the Wigan sisters say, "Thanks a million!"

A chapter of success was written into the history of the Nelson Branch during the past few months. After untiring efforts on the part of the priesthood and the Relief Society, the branch now have a meeting hall of their own. Members and friends throughout the district join in congratulating Nelson on their fine accomplishment.

## LONDON DISTRICT

reported by Jean Silsbury

Did I hear you say you missed that Halloween Party held at "Ravenslea" on October 28th? Well! Let me tell you—you missed one of the best parties ever held in the London District. Nearly two hundred people were more fortunate than you—they enjoyed the spook alley (guaranteed to send shivers down the sturdiest spines), the side shows to test your skills, and the dancing. The party was arranged by the district M.I.A. supervisors, Elder Jerry K. Lawrence and Sister Kerma Merrill. We'll excuse you for not coming this time, but don't let it happen again!

It is always a sad moment for a branch when they bid "farewell" to one of their well-loved families. So it was in St. Albans when on October 26th the branch president planned a party to show Brother and Sister Gillings and their five children how much the branch had valued their membership. The Relief Society sisters provided refreshments for the party, and a large iced cake was cut to commemorate the occasion.

Dawn Whittaker's "Dee-Jay Girls" from Luton gave their first performance in the branch hall on November 9th. 125 members and friends were in attendance, including reporters from the local press who gave the programme a fine buildup in the papers. On November 28th, the girls made their third public appearance at a youth club where they received a great welcome.

It has been a busy time for the children in the South London Branch recently. To begin with, the Primary held its annual Flower Festival on October 20th at which time all the children were dressed as flowers. Most of the scenery was also made by the children themselves. The branch president, Martin C. Nalder, crowned Mary Hippman Primary Queen, and Ann Tedder attended her. The queen's dress was made by her mother, and all the other costumes were made by Sister Elizabeth Johnson. Then the Sunday School Christmas party was held on December 17th. Forty children sat down to tea, and after playing games, each received a present from the Christmas tree. The party was under the direction of the S.S. superintendent—George Bickerstaff.

South London Relief Society held a very successful bazaar on December 9th in conjunction with the district Union Meeting. The sisters, under the direction of President Hetty Beckingham, had worked very hard to make articles to sell, and their efforts were rewarded with the sum of £26 for their funds.

## MANCHESTER DISTRICT

reported by Marjorie D. Sharple

Sister Hayes, the Primary supervisor of the Bury Branch, gave a very successful party on the 28th of October in her home. The money which was raised is to be used for a Primary Christmas party.

On Saturday, October 21st, the M.I.A. of the Rochdale Branch held a Gypsy Social in the branch chapel, complete with fortune teller and stalls. Everyone attending had a good time and were assured of a "bright future." And on November 4th, the night previous to Bonfire night and known throughout the country as Mischiefess Night, the Rochdale Branch observed the occasion with a Meat and Potato Pie supper. Of course, there were lots of fireworks too.

On October 21st, the Relief Society sisters in Denton Branch served 70 people with supper, consisting of meat and potato pie. Previous to the meal, everyone played games under the direction of Brother Ron Smith and Sister Lyndon G. Eakett. The games were a huge success, everyone wearing

coloured paper hats of all shapes and sizes. A cabaret followed supper, the highlights of the evening were the dancing of the young Primary children, a comedy act by Ronald Glassy of Stockport, a piano-accordion solo by Clifford Wood of Stockport, and a baseball monologue by Elder Lex Marcusen. This joyous occasion was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

On December 9th, the Rochdale Branch held a Christmas dinner and social. The slogan of the evening was "If You're Feeling Browned Off, Come and Get Fed Up." And everybody did! President B. D. Gardner, second counsellor in the mission presidency was visiting in Rochdale before his return home and so joined in the festivities. We surely hate to see him go, but enjoyed this last opportunity to associate with him.

## NEWCASTLE DISTRICT

reported by evelyn young

South Shields Relief Society sisters expended worthwhile effort in presenting a bazaar on the 26th of October. Those attending appreciated the copious labours of President Lee and her co-workers. During the evening, several of the members in attendance contributed musical items, the most frightening being a duet by Elder Rulon R. Adams and Evelyn Young. Why the room wasn't cleared is a wonder!

A district Masquerade Harvest Ball, organised by the district M.I.A. supervisors Elder Boyd K. Storey and Miss Margaret Graham was held in the Y.M.C.A. hall at Sunderland on Saturday, October 28th. The dancers owe



their thanks to members of Sunderland Branch who gaily decorated the hall. During the evening prizes were given to those in the most original fancy costumes. The highlight of the evening was a display of ballet and toe dancing given by Valerie Cuthbertson and her young partner of Sunderland Branch.

Children of South Shields Primary were greatly surprised on November 7th when they found a party had been

prepared for them with Mrs. Ella Wakefield in charge. Games were played and everyone enjoyed the special toffee provided by Mrs. Wakefield.

On October 24th, the West Hartlepool Branch held a Halloween party with the ever efficient Relief Society providing "soup for supper." An exceptional display of talent was given by the "Singing Waiters" in barber shop style dressed in cooky dusters. There was still a striking resemblance, however, between them and Elders Earl Grigor, Doyle K. Morgan and J. L. Fisher. They concluded their programme with "Goodnight Ladies"—and they really meant it!

Saturday, December 2nd, was indeed a proud day for members of this district, and especially for the Sunderland Branch. It was on this day that President Stayner Richards attended the opening ceremony of the newly decorated and rebuilt Sunderland Chapel. The branch members have certainly something to be proud of now, and those of us who only visit this chapel occasionally say "Thank you" for making all those efforts and sacrifices for our enjoyment and pleasure as well as your own. District President Hunter will certainly always be remembered not only for his position of authority in this area but as an elder who put "that Wyoming touch" to the graining of the woodwork. We also extend our thanks to Elder Bruce McGuire who was released a short time ago for all of his hard work.

## NORWICH DISTRICT

reported by m. j. gowing

On October 25th, the Ipswich Branch held a "Bring and Buy" sale and £7 was raised for the M.I.A. funds. This was followed by a social with Brother K. Poole acting as M.C. Refreshments were served to the 40 in attendance.

The Relief Society of the Lowestoft Branch held its annual bazaar on December 6th. A programme of songs, recitations and a play was presented by the M.I.A. Sister Upson, district Relief Society supervisor, officially opened the affair which was instrumental in raising over £21 for welfare purposes. More than 40 members and friends attended.

The Ipswich Branch on November

15th held their monthly social. Refreshments were provided from the M.I.A. funds and were prepared by Sister Poole and Mrs. Brown. Elder Oniones, our M.I.A. president, sang one of his "native songs." It is rumoured in branch circles that he has been offered a contract with the Metropolitan Opera Company.

On December 8th the Norwich Branch held a sale of work at which £14 was raised. The affair was supervised by Sister Simpson, the Relief Society president.

## NOTTINGHAM DISTRICT

reported by Lydia Oldham

Eastwood—a branch intent on having a new meeting hall and therefore anxious to swell the building fund—held a "cake making" and handicraft contest on October 28th. A number of leather purses were given by an investigator and the proceeds from their sale swelled the sum realised to £9.

Mansfield Branch held a very successful social for the Primary children on the 25th of November. Margaret Stokes took charge of the delightful programme in which all the children took part. Games and refreshments rounded off an enjoyable evening.

The Eastwood Branch Relief Society held their bazaar on December 1st under the direction of Lillian Barnes. The affair was opened by Sister Lydia Oldham who was presented with a bouquet by little James Martin. Tasty refreshments in the form of hamburgers were enjoyed by most of the people present. A fine spirit prevailed the entire evening, and the Relief Society benefited considerably by the efforts of the sisters.

A highlight in the Nottingham District was a Fancy Dress Dance held at the William Crane Schools under the direction of Brother George Bradley, president of the M.I.A. Young and old from far and near came to enjoy an evening of dancing and festivities. The main event was a spectacular floor show in which talents of many young people were shown. Prizes for their costumes went to Sister Wheatley of Eastwood and Brother Tinson of Nottingham.

The Nottingham Chapel recently was

all decked out for a Relief Society bazaar. Displays of lovely knitted goods lined the walls of the little chapel, and there were long tables displaying cakes and pastries of all kinds and many other articles too numerous to mention were there for the public to obtain at bargain prices. In the back of the hall was a "fishpond" where the children surely enjoyed themselves.



A dart game occupied the centre of the hall, and a familiar smell from the kitchen reminded the crowd that Elder Oldham was "at it" again making his American hamburgers. The line quickly formed to the kitchen doorway where members and friends partook of the lovely food which was prepared for them. The sum of £25 indicates how well this organisation is going ahead in the Nottingham Branch.

## SCOTTISH DISTRICT

The M.I.A. of the Glasgow Branch had a fancy dress Halloween Party to which the Airdrie Branch came. The different games and stalls were presided over by Glasgow Branch members. One of the busiest stalls was the photography stall where many had pictures taken for "posterity!" The candy stall was also a popular place. In the Edinburgh Branch, three visitors came to their Halloween party: an evil spirit, a gnome, and a witch. They seemed perfectly welcome at this annual "ghostly" affair.

Over £25, with more to come, made all the efforts of the Glasgow Relief Society worth while on Saturday,

November 25th. With less than four months' warning, President Marjorie Foote and her counsellors were worried about the success of such an affair, but the sisters attending, although few, rallied to the challenge and

crowned the effort with success. It was good to see the former president, Ellen B. Martin, receive from little Ruth MacKay a large bouquet of flowers as a token of esteem from the officers and



members of the organisation. There was a photography section, two cakes were auctioned off, a cafeteria was provided by Sisters Junor and Kelly, and the White Elephant stall proved opposite to its name as it helped with the others to roll in the pounds. In spite of the fog and cold and a small attendance, it was surely a successful evening and a fine tribute to this group of hard working women.

## SHEFFIELD DISTRICT

reported by elder John Knight

Shortly before Jack Frost rendered the ground hard as a brick, Sheffield Branch's elders and priesthood brethren got busy making a rock garden around their chapel. After spreading two tons of red shale and embedding another two tons of rocks, the workers have a very attractive garden to show for their efforts. Mr. Philip Grunsel assisted and advised the group.

Brother and Sister Harry Smith celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary December 9th with a tea and social held in Sheffield chapel. Following the tea the couple were presented with an attractive copper jug by Sister Hilda Mann, representing the Sheffield Relief Society. Brother Kenneth Bailey, first counsellor in the Branch Presidency, presented a set of oven ware from the branch. Sister Vera Smith, daughter of the couple, arranged the programme. Brother Harry Harrison was master of ceremonies. Old time dancing followed, and was enjoyed by both young and old who participated.

Poor old Father Christmas has certainly had a hard time keeping up with all his appointments in Sheffield District. He visited the Primary party held in Rotherham branch December 16th, and thrilled all the boys and girls by passing out candy and nuts. His visit climaxed an excellent programme presented by the children which included a tableau, poems, stories and dances. The beautifully decorated hall was packed with youngsters and their parents. Those responsible for presenting the programme were Elder Claude Dewsnup, Elder Glen Welling, Sister Veloy Lewis and Sister Lois Hess.

The same day children in Sheffield Branch Sunday School also got a visit

from Father Christmas. He gave each child an individual present. The children all enjoyed the games and refreshments prepared by Sisters Elizabeth Mattinson, Janet Haycock



and Mary Nicholson. The evening prior to the party elaborate decorations had been fastened to the wall with cellophane tape by District President Chesley Pierson and missionary companions. Upon arrival at the chapel next morning, the elders found that the tape had given way during the night and the decorations looked pretty sad. Missionaries and local members were madly scurrying around for another two hours trying to find another way to secure the obstinate streamers.

As if all these visits weren't enough, Father Christmas dropped around again on December 18th to pass out sweets to Sheffield Branch Primary children who celebrated the holidays with a party. Those responsible for making the party a success were Sisters Dorothy Bailey, Lillian Cotterill, Janet Haycock and Elder Jerry Rose.

Barnsley Branch also got visited by Father Christmas at their Primary—Sunday School party held at the Barnsley chapel December 22nd. Brother Frank Smith and Sister Doris Allison arranged an excellent programme for the children. Christmas Eve, members of the Barnsley M.I.A. went carol singing under the direction of Elder Roger Bown.

## WELSH DISTRICT

reported by Margaret Wanda Loosle

What a Halloween Carnival we had here in Wales! Everyone was encouraged to wear costumes, and what an array! From the "Queen of Hearts carrying tarts" to "Annie Get Your Gun and her Indians" to a Scotch Lad and Lassie portrayed by Pat Doidge and Trevor Morgan, the costumes were really outstanding. The winner, however, in the opinion of Mr. and Mrs. E. Edwards who judged, was Miss Perry of Pontypool who came as "A Gypsy Flower Girl."

Booths of various types were the main attractions of the evening. A

cart board of balloons kept Elder Reimann busy bringing in business and Elder Wilcox blowing up balloons. In another corner was Elder Seely wading in water with a candle behind a Jack-o-lantern. The object of this amusement was to put the candle out with a water pistol. The shooting range was shortened many times before this was accomplished. "Step right up, folks! Drop a penny on the sixpence and it's yours!" called Elder Ransom. The only catch was that the sixpence was at the bottom of a bucket of water, but it surely helped to increase the M.I.A. funds. Muriel Miller as a Gypsy Fortune Teller told a lot of "false prophecies." Grab-bags, fishponds, and refreshment booths also proved a lot of fun.

Under the guiding hands of Brother Jack Griffiths and Sister Florence Jones the Merthyr M.I.A. recently held a fine social. A lovely faggot and pea supper was served after which games were led by Elder Emlyn Davis. Brother Hubert Pullman was the winner of the Balloon Blowing contest. Brother Marcel Pullman had bad luck with blowing because he had so much wind he kept breaking all his balloons.

If everything goes according to Hoyle and the Chief Doctors, the Merthyr Branch Chapel will soon be going into surgery to undergo an operation at the hands of a capable plastic surgeon, Dr. Elder Reimann and his staff, the Merthyr members. The diagnosis: a

leaky cranium and the necessity of giving the exterior a new and heavier coating. The interior will also undergo an examination at the hands of Dr. Reimann.

Over Pontypool way, open night for the M.I.A. comes once a month. The game of the evening was "Poor Pussy," and most of the participants rapidly left their chairs in uproarious laughter. Through faith and prayers, the dream of this branch to have a meeting hall is fast becoming a reality, and they hope soon to lay the corner stone of their new building.

Under the leadership of the Cardiff Relief Society, a very stupendous (to put it mildly) branch social was held in Cardiff on November 25th. Sister Thompson, fresh over from the States, wrote a song especially for President Charles L. Welling, in whose honour the social was held. There was so much food to be had that even Sister Cawley's Atomic mince tarts were slow in going!

The morning of Saturday, December 16th, long before the sun arose from its bed, six elders were on a bus bound for Pontypool. Their numbers were increased there to nine, and they proceeded to dismantle an old army barracks which had been purchased by the Pontypool Branch for a chapel. By the time night fell, all but four sections of wall had been dismantled and neatly stacked away for transportation and rebuilding at its new site.

## personals

### BAPTISMS

#### BIRMINGHAM

December 9th

Jack Lander of Wolverhampton

December 15th

Lucy Bray Hamer of Birmingham

Sylvia Anne Hamer of Birmingham

Janet Elizabeth Hamer of Birmingham

Harian E. M. Peters of Birmingham

Ronald H. Egginton of Wolverhampton

Cathie Irene Hipkins of Birmingham

Brenda G. Edwards of Birmingham

Baptised by

Confirmed by

Elder D. Bickmore

Elder G. A. Wardrop

Elder D. Stephens

Elder D. Stephens

Elder D. Stephens

Elder D. Stephens

Elder D. Stephens

Elder K. Cummings

Elder D. Stephens

Elder K. L. Hatch

Elder K. Cummings

Elder B. W. Baker

Elder K. Cummings

Elder D. Stephens

Elder D. Stephens

Elder G. A. Wardrop

**IRISH DISTRICT****Helen North of Bangor****Sarah Popham of Belfast****Ann Allan of Belfast****Vera Martens Allen of Belfast****James Mitchell of Belfast****Maud E. Hanna of Bangor**

Baptised by

Confirmed by

Elder G. C. Scott	Elder M. D. Burnett
Elder M. M. Fillerup	Elder J. B. Hill
Elder W. Stewart Jr.	Elder M. M. Fillerup
Bro. Joseph Ditty	Elder S. E. Ottesen
Elder S. E. Ottesen	Elder A. J. Dance
Elder M. D. Burnett	Elder S. E. Ottesen

**LEEDS**

November 11th

**Marjorie Marsden of Dewsbury****Allan Marsden of Dewsbury**

Elder T. Swainston	Elder E. L. Harmon
Elder T. Swainston	Elder H. McFarland

**MANCHESTER DISTRICT**

December 15th

**Dorothy Bamford of Rochdale****Constance Bamford of Rochdale****Amy Horrocks of Rochdale****Lilion W. Paterson of Ashton-u-Lyne****Nancy Joyce of Oldham****Audrey M. J. Clegg of Rochdale**

Bro. H. Woodhead	Bro. S. H. Dale
Bro. H. Woodhead	Bro. F. Waddington
Elder D. C. Peterson	Bro. L. L. Clark
Elder S. C. Mann	Elder S. C. Mann
Bro. S. H. Dale	Bro. H. Withington
Elder D. C. Peterson	Elder R. Litchfield

**NEWCASTLE DISTRICT**

November 25th

**Mary Agnes Thorburn of S. Shields****Grace Wright of Sunderland****Margaret Douglas of Sunderland****Jean Elizabeth Douglas of Sunderland**

December 16th

**June Ambrose Botham of Sunderland****Alan Addison of Newcastle****June Pinkney of Middlesbrough****Charlotte Clair Proud of Sunderland****Doris Nolan of West Hartlepool****Marcia June Nolan of West Hartlepool****May Nolan of West Hartlepool****John Bradbury of Sunderland****Marie Platton Douglas of Carlisle**

Elder G. Sloan	Elder N. Montgomery
Elder E. W. Hunter	Elder E. W. Hunter
Elder J. D. Bench	Elder B. K. Storey
Elder E. W. Hunter	Elder J. Newbold
Elder J. D. Bench	Elder D. K. Morgan
Elder R. R. Adams	Elder E. A. Grigor
Elder D. D. Barclay	Elder E. W. Hunter
Elder E. W. Hunter	Elder N. Montgomery
Elder D. K. Morgan	Elder R. R. Adams
Elder D. K. Morgan	Elder W. H. Crandall
Elder W. Crandall	Elder F. L. Wood
Elder B. Cullimore	Elder E. W. Hunter
Elder E. Bunker	Elder G. E. Sloan

**NORWICH DISTRICT****Florence M. Blowers of Ipswich****Kenneth J. Poole of Ipswich****Dorothy M. Poole of Ipswich****Gwendoline E. Fiske of Norwich****James L. Fiske of Norwich****Helen Amelia Taylor of Norwich****Cyril F. Taylor of Norwich****Joan M. Savage of Ipswich****Phyllis E. M. Ince of Colchester****Trevor John Ince of Colchester****Fritz Voigt of Colchester****Colin Parker of Lowestoft****Lily Alfreda Brett of Ipswich**

November 26th

**Victoria Beryl Smith of Norwich**

Elder O. W. Thornock	Elder R. A. Hague
Elder R. A. Hague	Elder O. W. Thornock
Elder O. W. Thornock	Elder R. A. Hague
Elder V. E. Jackson	Elder W. Palfreyman
Elder V. E. Jackson	Elder W. Palfreyman
Elder J. E. Hook	Elder M. Snow
Elder M. Snow	Elder J. E. Hook
Elder G. W. Anderson	Elder F. L. Barfuss
Elder R. N. Ord	Elder D. L. Crane
Elder D. L. Crane	Elder R. N. Ord
Elder R. N. Ord	Elder D. L. Crane
Elder C. R. Oniones	Elder J. C. Bennett
Elder R. A. Hague	Elder C. R. Oniones
Elder W. Palfreyman	Elder B. Mottishaw

**NOTTINGHAM DISTRICT**

Edwin E. Taylor of Derby  
 Maggie Cooper Taylor of Derby  
 Geoffrey Taylor of Derby  
 Alma D. A. Taylor of Derby  
 Arthur John Capps of Derby  
 Ada Lavinia G. Burrows of Derby  
 Edna Brand of Nottingham  
 Gladys Mary Larkham of Nottingham  
 Madge Tomlinson of Nottingham  
 Florence Asher of Nottingham  
 Albert E. Asher of Nottingham  
 Kathleen Hayes of Hucknall  
 Ronald Owen S. Shaw of Leicester  
 Margaret A. J. Shaw of Leicester  
 Ronald E. Shaw of Leicester  
 Roger James Kendle of Leicester  
 James F. Rankin of Nottingham  
 Kathleen Adams of Leicester  
 Mary Elizabeth Spizer of Leicester  
 Elsie Irene Singleton of Nottingham  
 John E. O. Singleton of Nottingham  
 December 10th  
 Thomas Morton of Nottingham  
 Sarah E. S. Morton of Nottingham  
 Margaret Morton of Nottingham  
 Lillian Morton of Nottingham  
 Thomas W. Morton of Nottingham  
 Robert Morton of Nottingham

**Baptised by**

Elder R. J. Allan  
 Elder D. L. Thacker  
 Elder R. J. Allan  
 Elder D. L. Thacker  
 Elder R. J. Allan  
 Elder D. L. Thacker  
 Elder E. S. Jones  
 Elder L. P. Oldham  
 Elder D. R. Stephens  
 Elder D. R. Stephens  
 Elder D. R. Stephens  
 Elder D. R. Stephens  
 Elder M. R. Ballard  
 Elder T. Young, Jr.  
 Elder T. Young, Jr.  
 Elder T. Young, Jr.  
 Elder T. Young, Jr.  
 Elder L. P. Oldham  
 Elder G. Pilling  
 Elder K. L. Noall  
 Elder C. Cummings  
 Elder C. Cummings

**Confirmed by**

Bro. Samuel Pears  
 Elder D. L. Thacker  
 Elder C. Cummings  
 Elder T. Young, Jr.  
 Elder S. J. Nebeker  
 Bro. George Bradley  
 Elder D. R. Stephens  
 Elder S. J. Nebeker  
 Elder S. J. Nebeker  
 Elder F. Meadows  
 Elder F. Meadows  
 Bro. Joseph Hayes  
 Bro. L. J. Sullivan  
 Elder L. B. Campbell  
 Elder G. H. Pilling  
 Elder K. L. Noall  
 Elder J. K. Seastrand  
 Elder K. L. Noall  
 Bro. L. J. Sullivan  
 Bro. L. P. Oldham  
 Elder L. MacKay

Elder J. Cordingley  
 Elder H. Christensen  
 Elder H. Christensen  
 Elder L. P. Oldham  
 Elder J. Cordingley  
 Elder J. Cordingley  
 Elder L. P. Oldham  
 Elder J. Cordingley  
 Bro. Harry Hall

**WELSH DISTRICT**

December 18th  
 Gordon Hayward of Cardiff  
 Florence Rose Hayward of Cardiff

Elder V. E. Jackson  
 Elder D. H. Seely  
 Elder H. P. Hancock  
 Elder R. M. Wilcox

**BLESSINGS**

Name.	Date.	By Whom.
Leigh Charles Dodd of Brighton	November 19th	Bro. W. E. Mitchell
George L. Normine of Oxford	November 19th	Bro. W. L. Normine
Wesley L. Normine of Oxford	November 19th	Bro. W. L. Normine
Kathleen Morton of Nottingham	December 10th	Elder J. K. Seastrand
Glennys Morton of Nottingham	December 10th	Elder J. Cordingley
James Morton of Nottingham	December 10th	Elder L. P. Oldham
Peter Morton of Nottingham	December 10th	Bro. Harry Hall

**EMIGRATIONS**

Name.	For.	Date.
J. R. Gillings of St. Albans	Salt Lake City, Utah	November 1st
Joyce Flynn of Leeds	Salt Lake City, Utah	December
Kitty Laycock of Bradford	Salt Lake City, Utah	December 16th
Ruth Laycock of Bradford	Salt Lake City, Utah	December 16th
Mrs. A. Warnes & family of Bradford	Salt Lake City, Utah	November 16th
Mrs. C. Warnes of Bradford	Salt Lake City, Utah	November 16th
Wendy Warnes of Bradford	Salt Lake City, Utah	November 16th

## FOR EVERY CHILD SPIRITUAL EDUCATION

attitude is right, although we must be able to think in terms which he can comprehend.

As soon as the child begins to acquaint himself with his world, he is faced with words and situations which confuse him because they seem to cause unusual reactions in people, and so he desires to know their import. Who is God? What are Angels? Where is Heaven? These questions and many more he asks his parents in rapid succession. Is it right that he be told that the ones on whom he leans for help and guidance do not know nor do they want to be bothered to find out? Sometimes information must be given over and over again as it may be far too complex at first for the child to understand, but little by little, he gains in experience and is able to link the information.

It is important that a child be introduced early to the fundamental concepts and beauty of the Bible. It is said of John Ruskin, who was one of the most eloquent English prose writers of the last century, that his parents felt so keenly that the Bible should be an important factor in the education of their son that it occupied a most hallowed and important place in their home. Students of Ruskin tell us that his verbatim knowledge of the Bible was so astonishing that he generally quoted from memory the passages he used in his writings. Some five thousand references are found in his complete works.

To a small child the world is full of wonders. We are often so interested in material things that we fail to give children a love for the beauty and handiwork of God. How often do we call their attention to a beautiful sunset or to the stars in the heavens on a clear night? How often do we help them to achieve peace and quiet within themselves by telling them stories of the Saviour? These are especially necessary at bedtime when children so

often need assurance of the love of their parents for them. Children need a philosophy of life, of living and of love. We want them to develop calmness and poise. This can only come when there is peace and understanding of the ways of God.

One cannot force religion on anyone, but children can be led into the world of spiritual truths by exposing them to the influence of these things. Education for family living involves moral concepts and religious values, and many parents find it difficult to give this information and training. They must find help in passing on the answers to the questions which so frequently arise in the minds of young children. A child should be given opportunities to express himself through the activities set up in church programmes, and he will also learn of the ways of his Heavenly Father through the careful instructions which are given by those set apart to help parents in the tremendous task of imparting this knowledge.

I have often been asked, "Is formal religious education necessary if parents teach their children to pray and to distinguish right from wrong?" The answer is "Yes." Naturally, the mere act of going to church is not the solution to the problems of life, nor will it alone bring happiness, but we must not underestimate the inspiration found in a group united by a spiritual bond. Psychology stresses the fact that work—doing things—is an important road to happiness. Activity in church work helps us to think outwardly and toward others. It is important to be a part of a group and relate one's self to others engaged in spiritual endeavours. It is good to feel the strength which comes from thinking and believing in the same divine principles.

Through church activity one sees in action the philosophy of Brotherhood, and men are reminded again of their responsibilities to one another. It is in church that one is taught and reminded of the philosophy of Tolerance,



and when this force enters the hearts of men, many of the prejudices that hamper spiritual growth are cleared away. As one learns of Service, he looks out from himself and endeavours to give of himself to others. These things do not come from lying in bed on Sunday morning, going to the park or just reading the papers. These things and many other spiritual values come through attendance at church services as family units.

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### HOUSE OR HOME?

mixing equal parts of flour and salt, placing this compound in a bag with white or light net curtains, and rubbing well. Some of the soot and dust



from the curtains will cling to the flour mixture and can be easily shaken from the curtains.

. An inconspicuous way to mend a net

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### THE SABBATH DAY—OLD TO NEW

law. Why? Because the Law did not say specifically Saturday; it said the seventh day. If a particular twenty-four hour period was to be blessed, it would be almost impossible to determine today when it was because our calendars have been changed and altered many times since early days. The important thing is that one day in seven is kept as the Sabbath.

The last appeal to the scriptures of latter-day revelation proves the change to be acceptable to God because he re-

Help your children to relate themselves to their Heavenly Father. It will make your homes abound in joy and your relationships will increase in love and understanding. Help them to become thoroughly acquainted with the laws and ordinances of the Gospel through active participation both in your homes and in the church services.

It will give you and them a great deal more happiness in this life—and the life to come.

curtain is to patch it with a small piece of starched net and press it in place under the hole while the net is still wet. This is done quickly and will remain in place without any stitching until the curtain is laundered, at which time it can easily be replaced.

Old curtains can often be given new life or made to harmonise with a new decoration scheme by tinting them. It is easily done by just dipping in a cold water dye. And if you wish to give your curtains an ecru shade, you can simply immerse them in strained cold tea.

These are just a few of the things you can do with curtains, but you'll be surprised how much difference they will make to your home. And let's all resolve right now to make our homes this year even more beautiful places than ever before for those we love—and for ourselves.

affirms it. (D. and C. 59: 12) Here the "Lord's day" is proclaimed and recognised by Him as the 'one for Sabbath day observance. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is the only church, therefore, in which bickering about such details need not occupy our time because God Himself has firmly established the Truth—and as such, we honour, sustain, and uphold it.

Our greatest duty and responsibility remains the same, however—we must "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy."

## ANSWERS TO CROSSWORD PUZZLE

### ACROSS

1, Manasseh; 5, ites; 9, The path;  
12, Helem; 14, Ahaz; 15, Sacraments;  
17, Horeb; 19, Lost; 20, Amaleki; 24,  
Eat; 25, Heretic; 26, Idol; 28, Sidon;  
29, Conditions; 31, Shem; 34, Himni;  
35, Pahoran; 37, This; 38, is the law.

### DOWN

2, Apparel; 3, Art; 4, Exhortation;  
6, Skins; 7, Aha; 8, Elam; 10, Eh; 11,  
A Z; 13, Manner; 16, Aztec cities; 18,  
Boat; 21, Amos; 22, Iron; 23, Branch;  
27, Liahona; 29, Cleft; 30, isms; 31, sh;  
32, er; 33, Man; 36, Are.

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## ANSWERS TO RIDDLES

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|---------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. A dead bird.     | 6. With a fork.                   |
| 2. On paper.        | 7. When it becomes French fried.  |
| 3. Nine.            | 8. The one with the largest head. |
| 4. Burple.          | 9. When he can't help it.         |
| 5. A coat of paint. | 10. When it has a hole.           |

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## AT THE BEGINNING OF THE NEW YEAR

New years have always held their own secrets, and no matter what the world expects this new year to give it, there is some finality in the thought, and perhaps some comfort too, that there has always been uncertainty. In this respect the coming year is no different from any other. A year ago there were uncertainties, also, and we had no liking for the prospect, but we have lived it, with many compensations to relieve the uninviting picture. And now again, as always, we face uncertainty—but only uncertainty so far as passing events are concerned, beyond which there remain the fundamental, unchanging certainties; and the circumstances of a passing day must not be allowed to confuse these fundamentals that govern our lives. In the long view of immortal man there is still only one set of rules to be followed. Passing regulations may change; the outward habits of our lives may, of necessity, be altered, but, at peace or at war, at home or away, we must not let ultimate objectives be lost sight of, nor principles nor standards nor beliefs nor ideals, nor any of the goodness of life, be lost. We may go through the fire, but in doing so we must not become as dross. And as we lived through all the years that are past, and found life to be good in spite of many unwanted things, we can also live through all the years to come, even as long as time shall be given unto us, until we are called back to that home from which we came, where the years are no longer numbered, and where the sweep of time is measured only by the endlessness of immortality.

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As time moves relentlessly on, it were perhaps well to ponder the thought that this day and hour in which we live is as surely a part of eternity as will be another day and hour a hundred or a thousand years hence.

richard l. evans

## recipe for a happy new year

“Take twelve fine full grown months; see that these are thoroughly free from all old memories of bitterness, rancor, hate and jealousy; cleanse them completely from every clinging spite. Pick off all specks of pettiness and littleness; in short, see that these months are free from all past—have them as fresh and clean as when they first came from the great storehouse of time. Cut these months in thirty-one equal parts. This batch will keep for just one year. Do not attempt to make up the whole batch at one time (so many persons spoil the entire lot this way) but prepare one day at a time as follows:—

Into each day put twelve parts of faith

Eleven of patience

Ten of courage

Nine of work (some people omit this ingredient and so spoil the flavour of the rest)

Eight of hope

Seven of fidelity

Six of liberality

Five of kindness

Four of rest (leaving this out is like leaving the oil out of the salad—don't do it)

Three of prayer

Two of meditation, and

One of well selected resolution

“Put in about a teaspoonful of good spirits, a dash of fun, a pinch of folly, a sprinkling of play, and a heaping cupful of good humour. Pour love into the whole, and mix with vim. Cook in a fervent heat; garnish with a few smiles and a sprig of joy; then serve with quietness, unselfishness and cheerfulness and a **HAPPY NEW YEAR** is a certainty.”

M.I.A. Stake Leader.



# PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

LORD, give us guidance  
Throughout the New Year;  
We'll pledge faith and service  
For we need Thee near.

In the cold You're our warmth,  
In the darkness our light;  
In hunger, our food,  
In blindness, our sight.  
When in need You're our wealth,  
In sorrow, our gladness;  
In illness, our health,  
Our comfort in sadness.

On life's seas without You  
We're buoys without floats;  
So if we keep on rowing,  
Will You steer our boats?

elder richard l. pope

